

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

ARCHITECTURAL LICENSING BOARD

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The six hundred and eighty third meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board, held on March 21, 2014, was called to order by Acting Chairman Mr. Robert B. Hurd at 9:04 AM in Room No. 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Board Members

Present:	David H. Barkin	Board Member
	Carole W. Briggs	Board Member
	Robert B. Hurd	Board Member
	S. Edward Jeter	Chairman (participation by telephone conference call.)
	Pauline S. Morales	Board Member

Board Members

Not Present: None.

Vacancies: None.

Others Present:	Robert M. Kuzmich	Department of Consumer Protection (DCP)
	Steven J. Schwane	Department of Consumer Protection
	Peter R. Huntsman	Attorney General's Office
	Bruce Spiewak	AIA/CT and himself
	Tanner White	A.R.E. Candidate
	Russell Rosicki	Himself
	Larissa Rosicki	Herself
	Michael Ayles	Himself

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1. Old Business

1A. Submission of the minutes of the January 17, 2014 Architectural Licensing Board Meeting; for review and approval. Mr. Jeter noted several corrections in the minutes on page four. He suggested that the paragraph referencing the addition of Ms. Lauren B. Braren to the Board's Agenda for this meeting be moved to immediately following the semi-colon after "Connecticut". In addition, the typographical error in the word "Boards" shall be changed to "Board's" and the word "review" shall be inserted after "thorough". On page four, in the second paragraph of Agenda Item 2B on the fifth line, the word "for" after "sit". *After a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the minutes as corrected herein. (Barkin/Morales)*

1B. Continuation of discussion concerning Letter dated January 3, 2013 from Anthony L. D'Andrea, Chairman, Board of Examiners for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors; for discussion by the Board. Mr. Hurd summarized the details of this matter for those unfamiliar with the case. Mr. Hurd stated that the main issue is a letter written by the Engineering Board to the Building Official at the City of Hartford which broadens the definition of incidental architecture.

Ms. Briggs suggested that since this Board appears to be at a dead end with the Engineering Board, the Architectural Licensing Board write its own letter defining their stance on this matter. This letter shall be sent to both the Engineering Board and the City of Hartford. Further, she stated that this Board's letter be accompanied with the Engineers Board letter anytime it is asked to be distributed to anyone so that both sides of the story are always presented.

Mr. Jeter summarized his recent meeting with both Mr. Steve Schwane and Mr. Anthony D'Andrea regarding the above referenced letter. He stated that, despite his efforts to explain the issue the Architectural Licensing Board has with his letter, it was to no avail. The meeting concluded with Mr. D'Andrea suggesting that the Architectural Licensing Board write their own letter defining their stance on this matter. It was determined that the Architect's Board's letter, once finalized, be sent to the Commissioner of the Department of Consumer Protection for his review. *Ms. Briggs first motioned and the motion was seconded by Mr. Barkin. The motion carried*

unanimously. The Board asked Mr. Jeter to continue his work on this case and finalize the draft of the letter he had started prior to which he agreed.

Subsequent to the vote, the Board discussed the possibility of encountering yet another delay in the distribution of this letter relative to getting the Department's approval prior to its distribution. As such, it was suggested by Mr. Barkin that he present the final draft of this letter to the State Building Inspector which brings in the possibility of the involvement of the Department of Administrative Services Commissioner which may help move the matter to its resolution.

1C. Unbound NCARB Council Record from Mr. Tanner White; report from Mr. Robert B. Hurd on his evaluation of this application. Mr. Hurd presented his review of Mr. White's file for the Boards benefit. He detailed the candidates structured work internship and also noted that the candidate has formed his own residential design business. Mr. Hurd noted that Mr. White has 3 ¼ years of NCARB sanctioned work experience for his structured internship and an additional 5 years of work experience of self-employment. The time Mr. White did not seek NCARB credit for was approximately 10 months. Mr. Hurd believes this candidate has shown that he can operate a business successfully as demonstrated by his own residential design practice and act in the role of an architect successfully. Further, he believes that Mr. White will pass the licensing examination. In conclusion, Mr. Hurd believes this candidate has what it takes to be an architect and recommends to the Board he be allowed to sit for the examination.

Mr. Barkin noted that he is bothered by the fact that Mr. White's credentials do not currently meet NCARB's Broadly Experienced Architect requirements. Mr. Barkin is concerned that the Board may be setting a precedent with this application in that they may be diluting their standards when compared to what they have held other candidates to with similar application types. Mr. Hurd believes that Mr. Barkin's concerns are valid and that he did think of this when he was adding up Mr. White's work experience hours. None-the-less, Mr. Hurd believes that Mr. White's performance in the profession together with the speaking with him personally confirms his belief that Mr. White deserves the chance to take the examination and will be an asset to the profession. Ms. Briggs understands Mr. Barkin's concerns but also believes and agrees with Mr. Hurd's recommendation. She also noted that the current law allows a candidate such as Mr. White to make up for their shortcomings in comparison to a traditional NCARB licensure path by way of the alternate path by which he is applying.

After more in-depth discussion, the Board voted on Mr. White's application to sit for the Architect Registration Examination. Motion was first made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Jeter. Voting in favor of the application was Ms. Briggs, Mr. Jeter, and Ms. Morales. Voting not in favor was Mr. Barkin. It is noted that Mr. Hurd abstained from the vote consistent with past practice in applications of this type. The motion carried 3-1 to approve Mr. White's application.

1D. Proposed changes to the Regulation concerning examination eligibility relative to A.R.E. Candidates sitting for the examination prior to their completion of NCARB's Intern Development Program requirements; as presented by Staff Attorney Mr. Steven Schwane. Mr. Schwane asked the Board technical questions regarding the potential of examination changes through the years ahead relative to how the regulations should reflect this. The Board further discussed the structuring of the language to ensure that the qualifications to sit for the Architect Registration Examination stay the same as they are at present and not "inadvertently open a window that shouldn't be opened".

Ms. Briggs suggested to the Board that they should also look at cleaning up out dated language and other general housekeeping type changes to make the language current to modern times. After more discussion, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the *Regulation Draft, Version A* subject to the edits made by the Board today. (Briggs/Barkin) After the vote, Mr. Ayles thanked the Board for moving these regulation changes forward.

2. New Business

2A. The following candidates have passed the Architect Registration Examination and are recommended by the Department of Consumer Protection for licensing as an Architect in the State of Connecticut; after a thorough review of their applications, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the following individuals for licensing as architects in Connecticut. (Briggs/Barkin)

1. Paul Bacchiocchi
2. Jonathan A. Ninnis
3. Stephen D. Hennebry
4. Russell R. Rosicki
5. Stephen C. Smith

2B. Applications for licensing by waiver of examination; the following individuals are recommended by the Department of Consumer Protection for licensing as architects in the State of Connecticut on the basis of waiver of examination with an NCARB Certificate Record or by Direct Endorsement; *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the following individuals for licensing as architects in the State of Connecticut with the exception of applicant No. 22 - Mr. Peter C. Kurth. (Briggs/Barkin)*

1	Adams, Gary M.	Waiver of Examination; Kentucky	(NCARB File No. 44347)
2	Adjmi, Morris	Waiver of Examination; Florida	(NCARB File No. 46065)
3	Bonacasa, Michael J.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 53895)
4	Brome, Charles A.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 48529)
5	Brown, Alan M.	Waiver of Examination; Colorado	(NCARB File No. 46441)
6	Campbell, David A.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 41350)
7	Chieffalo, Michael	Waiver of Examination; Rhode Island	(NCARB File No. 90726)
8	Cole, Jonathan O.	Waiver of Examination; North Carolina	(NCARB File No. 130053)
9	Creedon, Mark D.	Waiver of Examination; California	Direct
10	Cutberth, Jeffrey L.	Waiver of Examination; Arizona	(NCARB File No. 45037)
11	Daniel, Kip E.	Waiver of Examination; Texas	(NCARB File No. 30421)
12	Daveline, Nicholas	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 123692)
13	Gibson, Timothy A.	Waiver of Examination; Florida	(NCARB File No. 52943)
14	Grassi, Guy N.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 36989)
15	Hall, Neil B.	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	Direct
16	Herzog, Benjamin	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 106969)
17	Jorgenson, Robert G.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 70240)
18	Koenig, Edward E.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 79311)
19	Koenig, Matthew J.	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	(NCARB File No. 76314)
20	Kraeher, Rolando	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 70700)
21	Kuhn, John W.	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 39962)
22	Kurth, Peter C.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 26657)
23	Longo, Robert M.	Waiver of Examination; New Jersey	Direct
24	Lynch, Geoffrey	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 733089)
25	McGonigle, Edward O.	Waiver of Examination; Texas	(NCARB File No. 84002)
26	O'Connor, Brian	Waiver of Examination; Massachusetts	(NCARB File No. 77319)
27	Pizzetta, Daria	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 675894)
28	Proctor, Hope	Waiver of Examination; Ohio	Direct
29	Rahman, Masudur	Waiver of Examination; Illinois	(NCARB File No. 82620)
30	Rose, John D.	Waiver of Examination; New York	Direct
31	Rumsey, Brian	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 92634)
32	Shonaiya, Cynthia E.	Waiver of Examination; Maryland	(NCARB File No. 89710)
33	Tokar, Peter	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 696258)
34	Walker, Richard S.	Waiver of Examination; Georgia	(NCARB File No. 92880)
35	Wert, John S.	Waiver of Examination; Pennsylvania	Direct
36	Wilson, Robert J. A.	Waiver of Examination; New York	(NCARB File No. 33016)
37	Woerman, Mark L.	Waiver of Examination; Washington	Direct

The Application of Mr. Peter C. Kurth indicates a prior felony conviction. Brief details of this conviction were shared with the Board from the applicant's written disclosure contained as a part of his application for licensure in Connecticut. Upon hearing these details, the Board asked for further investigation by the Department's Legal Staff prior to any further action taken by them.

2C. Applications for the Corporate Practice of Architecture; the Department has reviewed and recommends for approval the following applications; *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the following application for the Corporate Practice of Architecture in Connecticut. (Briggs/Barkin)*

Adams & Associates Architecture, Inc.
126 North Main Street
 Mooresville, North Carolina 28115

Ross G. Adams, CEO
Connecticut Lic. No. 12674

Lerner/Ladds + Bartels, Inc.
161 Exchange Street
Pawtucket, Rhode Island 02860

Christian J. Ladds, CEO
Connecticut Lic. No. 127770

2D. Complaint Report from the Trade Practices Division concerning Complaints associated with the Architectural Licensing Board; for the Board’s review. The Board commented that the report is the format the Board has been looking for showing several open complaints. She questioned how long some of these open cases should be on-going unless they really are that complicated. Mr. Hurd complimented the Department’s Staff for their efforts in bringing this type of complaint report to the Board each month.

2E. Update from the Department’s Legal Staff regarding any Board issues or otherwise.

1. Mr. Schwane updated the Board regarding the status of the proposed regulation change for electronic seals. He reviewed the path Mr. Schwane’s Draft follows once it leaves the Board. He noted that the Governor’s Office had a question which the Department’s Staff Attorney will be able to answer. Mr. Schwane believes that these changes are now headed final approval very soon.

2F. Any correspondence and/or business received in the interim.

1. The Board discussed an e-mail request for Board action dated March 17, 2014 received from Ms. Kathy Hillegas from NCARB. NCARB’s Board of Directors is seeking comments on proposed changes to the *Intern Development Program*. This change specifically relates to the reporting requirement known as the “six-month reporting rule” for IDP credit. A detailed description of the proposed change is attached to her e-mail and is also posted on the Registration Board Section of the NCARB website.

Following this initial notice of the proposed change, there will be a 90-day period for the Board to review and submit comments. NCARB is asking for the Board to take the opportunity to review the proposed change and provide their feedback. The NCARB Board of Directors would like to hear from all Member Boards before they vote on the proposed changes. After a thorough discussion, the Board agrees with the proposed

change. Mr. Kuzmich will communicate the Board's decision to NCARB by return e-mail.

2. Regarding the Board signing NCARB's Canadian Mutual Recognition Agreement, it was suggested that Mr. Kuzmich e-mail the Ms. Elisa Nahas, Legal Department Head, to confirm the Board's request to sign this agreement since they are in support of the same.

3. The Board will reschedule the date of their May Meeting date to accommodate a prior commitment Ms. Briggs has made. May 2, 2014 was discussed as a possible date. Board Members will check their calendars and confirm to Mr. Kuzmich if this date works for them.

4. Mr. Jeter addressed the matter concerning Raised Senate Bill No. 238 – An Act Establishing A Landscape Contractor License which was circulated to the Board by e-mail last February for their review and comment. This Bill establishes a licensure requirement for landscape contractors and authorizes licensure for other landscaping-related work. The Board recognized that this is a legislative issue that does not affect them and they will not be weighing in on this matter. Ms. Briggs speculated that the Bill will not become law because large landscaping contractors are out, in force, against it.

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m. (Briggs/Jeter) The next regular meeting of the Architectural Licensing Board is scheduled for Friday, May 2, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.; State Office Building; Room 117; 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.
Board Administrator